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Lt. Governor Peter Kinder Names Della Mieswinkel as Senior Service Award Winner

Award recognizes Volunteer work by Missouri Seniors

Jefferson City- Missouri Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder announced Della Mieswinkel of Mt. Vernon as a quarterly winner of the Lieutenant Governor's Senior Service Award. As the official Senior Citizen Advocate for the State of Missouri, Lt. Gov. Kinder created the Award to promote and highlight the positive accomplishments that Missouri's senior citizens continually provide their local communities.

Della Mieswinkel, at age 83, assists the staff at John Taylor Senior Center by tending to the flower boxes, directing and guiding visitors around the center, and aids with center hospitality. She also serves on the board of Lawrence County Manor.

"There are thousands of Missourians whose lives are touched by the unselfish work and caring hand of someone like Della Mieswinkel," said Kinder. He added, "These acts of kindness go on unnoticed all around us every day. Della offers her time and labor back to the community, and I want to bring these stories to the public, so we can all thank her for this work."

Della Mieswinkel was nominated for the award by Susan Hughes, administrator at the John Taylor Senior Center. She said, "Della just does what needs to be done and expects no praise. We all want to tell Della 'Thank You' for all she does for us all."

Della Mieswinkel will receive an official declaration from Lt. Gov. Kinder, a Senior Service Award Lapel pin, and special recognition at the State Capitol from Lt. Gov. Kinder.

Nominees for the Senior Service Award must be at least 60 years old and volunteer a minimum of 40 hours over the past year in their community. Senior volunteers can be nominated on a quarterly basis by filling out a brief form available on Lt. Gov. Kinder's website at www.ltgov.mo.gov. Letters of recommendation must accompany the nomination forms.